Housing Estates) for Registration. DDA has not received any application in this regard.

(f) It is for the Vice Chairman, DDA to take suitable action in accordance within the provisions of the DDA (Management and disposal of Housing Estates) Regulations, 1968.

The Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns

1743. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns aims at liberation of scavengers;

(b) if so, how many scavengers have been liberated during the last three years and what are the schemes for their liberation; and

(c) what are the programmes of the Ministry for these categories of people under the new 20-point programme for 1986 and 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns does not directly aim at liberaton of scavengers. However, the Scheme has a component of low cost sanitation works which include:—

(i) conversion of existing dry latrines into pour-flush water seal latrines;

(ii) construction of pour-flush water seal latrines; and

(iii) construction of community latrines.

Threat of locust invasion

1744. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent report submitted to the U.N. Economic Committee that migratory locusts and grasshoppers sighted in Jordon are likely to pose a threat to India also; and

(b) if so, what precautionary steps Government propose to take to prevent possible damage by these locusts and grasshoppers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. We are not aware of any such report. Food and Agriculture Organisation which was contacted in this regard, has not confirmed having submitted any such report to United Nations Economic Committee about migratory locusts and grass-hoppers sighted in Jordan. FAO has intimated that small numbers of desert locusts reached Southern Jordan in late March, 1986 and dispersed and posed no threat to India, local grass-hoppers were reported in May and early June, 1986 which again posed no threat to India. The locust warning Organisation keeps continued vigilance on locust activity in the scheduled desert area. It also maintains contact with Desert Locust Organisation of FAO/Pakistan so as to have the latest reports on locust activity and to be ready to take preventive steps in case of any awarn attack from across the border.

People crossing poverty line

1745. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of people benefited through implementation of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) as on the 30th September, 1986, statewise; and

(b) what is the number of people who have crossed the poverty line during the same period, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY